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Note by the Secretariat

Addendum

Amendments to the preliminary draft of the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century (A/CONF.187/4 and Add.1)

The attached amendments to the preliminary draft of the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century were submitted to the Secretariat on 11 April 2000. They should be read in conjunction with documents A/CONF.187/4 and Add.1.

Preamble

1. Colombia proposes to insert the following text as a new third preambular paragraph to replace that found in A/CONF.187/4/Add.1:

> "*Concerned also* by the increase in inequalities and imbalances between and within countries which, despite admirable technical and scientific progress, have worked against the creation of more equitable socio-economic conditions to contribute to combating crime,"

Paragraph 14

2. Colombia proposes to replace paragraph 14 with the following two paragraphs:

"14. We also commit ourselves to the enhancement of international cooperation and mutual legal assistance to curb the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, in line with the provisions of the protocol under negotiation against the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, supplementary to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

"(...) We establish the year 2005 as the target year for achieving a significant decrease in the incidence of illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms worldwide through the adoption of measures such as the criminalization of those offences, the requirements of appropriate record-keeping and marking systems and the harmonization of the general requirements for licensing or authorization systems for the export, import and transit of materials of this kind."

New paragraph

3. Morocco proposes to insert the following new paragraph after paragraph 14:

"(...) We are aware that offshore financial centres are locations where approximately one billion dollars are laundered each day and that such centres have been linked to trafficking in drugs and arms and also to tax evasion and crimes involving corruption. We encourage the establishment, under the auspices of the United Nations, of an offshore forum entrusted with the task of enacting minimum standards to be observed by centres used as tax havens and other offshore financial centres in the interest of countering money-laundering and its criminal origins."

Paragraph 17

4. Uzbekistan proposes to add the following text at the end of paragraph 17: "Taking into account that terrorism is on the increase throughout the world and that its threat to international security, human rights and the basic principles of democracy is growing, we call upon States to discuss thoroughly the establishment of an international centre for combating terrorism, as proposed by Uzbekistan at the summit meeting of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe held in Istanbul on 18 and 19 November 1999."

Paragraph 18

5. Colombia proposes to replace paragraph 18 with the following two paragraphs:

"18. We undertake, as part of crime prevention strategies, to combat xenophobia, racism, violation of the rights of migrants and other related forms of discrimination, adopting measures including the organization of educational programmes and media campaigns to promote tolerance and multiculturalism.

"(...) We also undertake to promote international cooperation with a view to improving the situation of vulnerable population groups in migrants' countries of origin and the conclusion of bilateral or multilateral agreements on properly regulated migration."

New paragraph

6. Colombia proposes to add the following new paragraph:

"(...) We express our conviction of the desirability of dealing with the problems of crime in a comprehensive manner not limited to law enforcement. We recognize that more equitable economic development and societies exhibiting less marginalization and inequality will promote the implementation of prevention and rehabilitation programmes."